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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN REQUEST TO MODIFY SPRINGFIELD MCA PLAN

JEFFERSON CITY--The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) has filed a motion with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to modify the Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan. Under the OPC proposal, the Ozark telephone exchange would go from an optional Tier 3 exchange to a mandatory Tier 1 exchange. OPC contends that the Ozark exchange is part of the community of interest with the Springfield metropolitan area. As a result, OPC states Ozark and Springfield should be within the same tier and have toll free expanded calling between those exchanges.

MCA is a telephone service allowing for expanded calling in the St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield metropolitan areas. For a flat monthly rate, subscribing customers can call other MCA subscribers and certain exchanges in the metropolitan area on a toll free basis.

Applications to formally intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than **March 30, 2005**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

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